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CC: State Department, Secretary John Kerry; Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell; Environmental Protection Agency Regina McCarthy; Senators Bernie Sanders, Patrick Leahy (VT); Heidi Heitkamp, John Hoeven (ND); North Dakota Governor Jack Dalrymple; Presidential hopefuls Clinton and Trump; Special Rapporteur to the United Nations James Anaya

Dear President Barack Obama,

This letter is to request your urgent attention to cancel the Dakota Access pipeline, and to protecting the several thousand Indigenous and allied people who have gathered at Sacred Stone camp and at Cannonball to speak up in protection of the waters of the Missouri River and its connected river systems, and the health of humans and all living beings. As an American citizen, and active voting constituent of the State of Vermont, I make this request with both immediate concern, and broader vision.

Our immediate concern is:

1. That the Lakota/Dakota/ Nakota people of the Sovereign Sioux Nation are in accordance that they do not wish to have the Dakota Access pipeline, or any new pipelines, oil, or natural gas infrastructure constructed within their traditional territory. In ignoring their clear objections to these projects, Dakota Access, LLC (Enbridge) and its supporters (the US Army Corps of Engineers) are violating the treaties of 1851 and 1868 (Fort Laramie) made between the Sioux Nation and the USA, as well as free prior and informed consent, and human rights duties to consult and accommodate their rights as sovereign Indigenous nations. These rights are acknowledged and supposed to be protected under the 1851 and 1868 Treaties, the Clean Water Act, NAGPRA, and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, among other acts and conventions, to which the US government is committed through due process of law and policy. The Lakota/ Dakota and hundreds of thousands of people rely upon the Missouri River and adjoined river systems for drinking water. They cannot afford for it to be contaminated by construction or accidents. We ask that you recognize the threat of contamination and the violation of human and Indigenous rights posed by eminent domain, and cancel the license for the pipeline.
2. That you do not allow police or military to criminalize our friends and relatives who are speaking out for the health of Mother Earth and humanity. We know they are peaceful, and it is their right to protest. We ask that you do not allow the military or police to escalate their demonstration into violence and conflict, but rather, respect the service they are doing by speaking up for the land and people by protecting them. The world is watching.

As for a long-term vision, this demonstration to protect the land, waters, living beings, Indigenous rights, and humanity has a larger spatial and historical context, within a spiritual and ethical value system. We do not want any more investment into oil and gas infrastructure, as these extractive industries have led to war, illness, sex trafficking, and horrible environmental contamination. We already have healthier, more peaceful viable alternatives available. We ask that you shift to investing into these, for the sake of the health of the environment, the longevity of our families, and for peace. The Dakotas are excellent places for sustainable renewable wind, solar, and bio-fuel investment. These areas could just as well generate jobs as fossil fuels. Therefore, we do not believe or agree with Dakota Access, LLC (Enbridge) that "the people need this important construction project." We know that the company is only

thinking of their financial gains, and their claim in our names is false. We need renewables and ethical, sustainable extractive and energy policies. Further, the time has come for the USA to honor all treaties with Native nations, and the UNDRIPP. The USA must make good with our relationship with Indigenous nations, and our privilege and legacy of living on Indigenous land. Our Indigenous and allied brothers and sisters who are gathered to protect the waters of the Missouri River, and all fresh water, are doing this on behalf of all of humanity and all living things, because nothing can survive without drinking water. Please honor their service and their intergenerational and global vision, which is a powerful demonstration for life, health and peace.

Thank you for your immediate support of these matters, and your service to the United States of America.

Sincerely,

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